



Joint Public Notice

Application for a Department of the Army Permit and a Washington Department of Ecology Water Quality Certification and/or Coastal Zone Management Consistency Concurrence

US Army Corps of Engineers

Regulatory Branch
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Coordinator

Public Notice Date: October 15, 2009 Expiration Date: November 14, 2009

Reference No.: NWS-2009-644 Name: Kitsap County, Department of

Community Development

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) have received an application to perform work in waters of the United States as described below and shown on the enclosed drawings.

The Corps will review the work in accordance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA). Ecology will review the work pursuant to Section 401 of the CWA, with applicable provisions of State water pollution control laws and the Coastal Zone Management Act.

APPLICANT: Kitsap County, Department of Community Development

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ATTN: Carolyn Siems Telephone: (360) 337-4412

AGENT:

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LOCATION: In wetlands, in Clear Creek watershed, in the urban area of Silverdale, Kitsap County, Washington

<u>WORK</u>: To fill 1.32 acres of wetlands for the expansion and re-development of Central Kitsap County Community Campus. The work consist of the placement of 625 cubic yards of fill in 1.32 acres of emergent/scrub-shrub wetlands for the construction of YMCA Community Center, senior housing, public health clinic, mixed use retail and office buildings, Transit shelter/shop, Kitsap County Regional Library, north and south parking structures, sheriff substation, Kitsap County Office building, a performing arts center, outdoor stage, streets, utilities, and associated infrastructure.

<u>PURPOSE</u>: To expand and improve public and civic services within Central Kitsap County for the established and growing community of unincorporated Silverdale.

MITIGATION: Proposed offsite mitigation consist of wetland creation and enhancement, buffer enhancement and stream channel relocation with culvert removal on Schold Farm, adjacent to Clear Creek. Schold Farm is a regional open space park owned and maintained by Kitsap County and is located about 1 mile northeast of the project site in the Clear Creek watershed. About 1.32 acres of wetlands would be created, about 200 linear feet of new stream channel would be created and about 2.63 acres of existing degraded wetlands would be enhanced. In addition, about 3.74 acres of varied topography upland habitat would be created. The mitigation site would be planted with native trees, shrubs and herbs selected for specific hydrology regimes and habitat features (snags, root wads, log weirs, downed woody material, and nesting boxes) would be installed through out the mitigation site.

<u>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</u> – Copies of this public notice, which has been mailed or otherwise physically distributed feature project drawings in black and white. To access the electronic version of this public notice, go to the Seattle District's web page at http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/ and scroll down the alphabetical listing of District elements, and click on "Regulatory" and then "Regulatory – Permits" for the Seattle District's Regulatory homepage. Select the prominently displayed "Public Notices" heading and a list of recently-issued public notices will appear, in chronological order of the date of issuance. Select and view the listing for this project.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and/or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) pursuant to Section 7 of ESA on all actions that may affect a species listed (or proposed for listing) under the ESA as threatened or endangered or any designated critical habitat. After receipt of comments from this public notice, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will evaluate the potential impacts to proposed and/or listed species and their designated critical habitat.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, requires all Federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). The proposed action would impact EFH in the project area. If the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) determines that the proposed action may adversely affect EFH for federally managed fisheries in Washington waters, the Corps will initiate EFH consultation with the NMFS. The Corps' final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

<u>CULTURAL RESOURCES</u>: The District Engineer has reviewed the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, lists of properties determined eligible and other sources of information. Due to the project area's position in the landscape (i.e. adjacent to a river), there is the potential for unknown historic properties to occur in the project area. An historic properties investigation may be required during the permit review.

The District Engineer invites responses to this public notice from Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies; historical and archeological societies; and other parties likely to have knowledge of or concerns with historic properties in the area. This public notice initiates consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act with any Tribe that has information or concerns with historic properties in the proposed permit area.

<u>PUBLIC HEARING:</u> Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

<u>EVALUATION</u> – <u>CORPS</u> - The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors

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which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for the work. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the activity.

The described discharge will be evaluated for compliance with guidelines promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b)(1) of the CWA. These guidelines require alternatives analysis for any proposed discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

<u>EVALUATION</u>—<u>ECOLOGY</u>: Ecology is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, Native American Nations or tribal governments, State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Ecology will be considering all comments to determine whether to certify or deny certification for the proposed project.

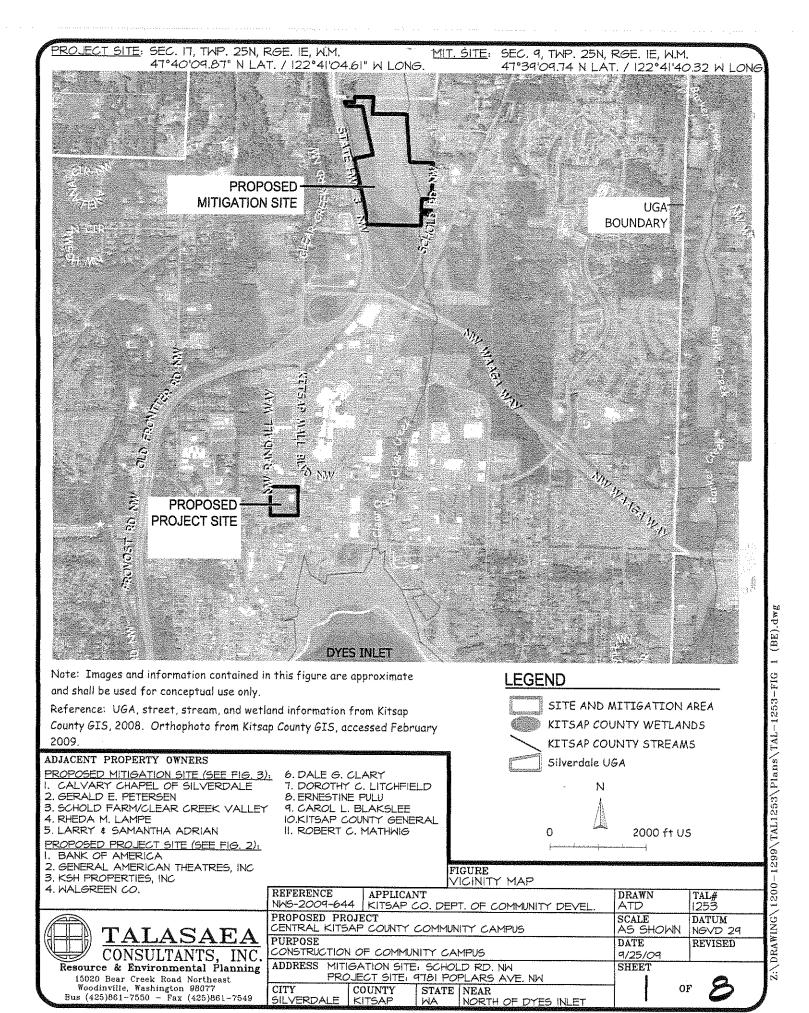
COMMENT AND REVIEW PERIOD: Conventional mail or e-mail comments on this public notice will be accepted and made part of the record and will be considered in determining whether it would be in the public interest to authorize this proposal. In order to be accepted, e-mail comments must originate from the author's e-mail account and must include on the subject line of the e-mail message the permit applicant's name and reference number as shown below. Either conventional mail or e-mail comments must include the permit applicant's name and reference number, as shown below, and the commentor's name, address, and phone number. All comments whether conventional mail or e-mail must reach this office, no later than the expiration date of this public notice to ensure consideration.

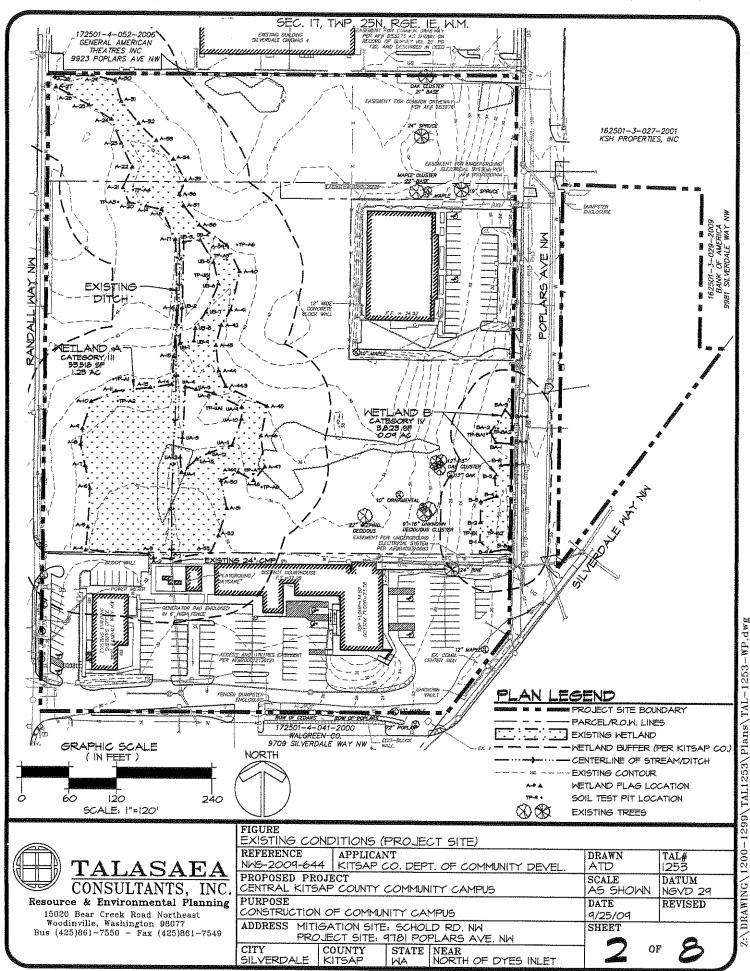
<u>Corps comments</u>: All e-mail comments should be sent to <u>olivia.h.romano@usace.army.mil</u>. Conventional mail comments should be sent to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, Attn: Olivia Romano, Post Office Box 3755, Seattle, Washington, 98124-3755.

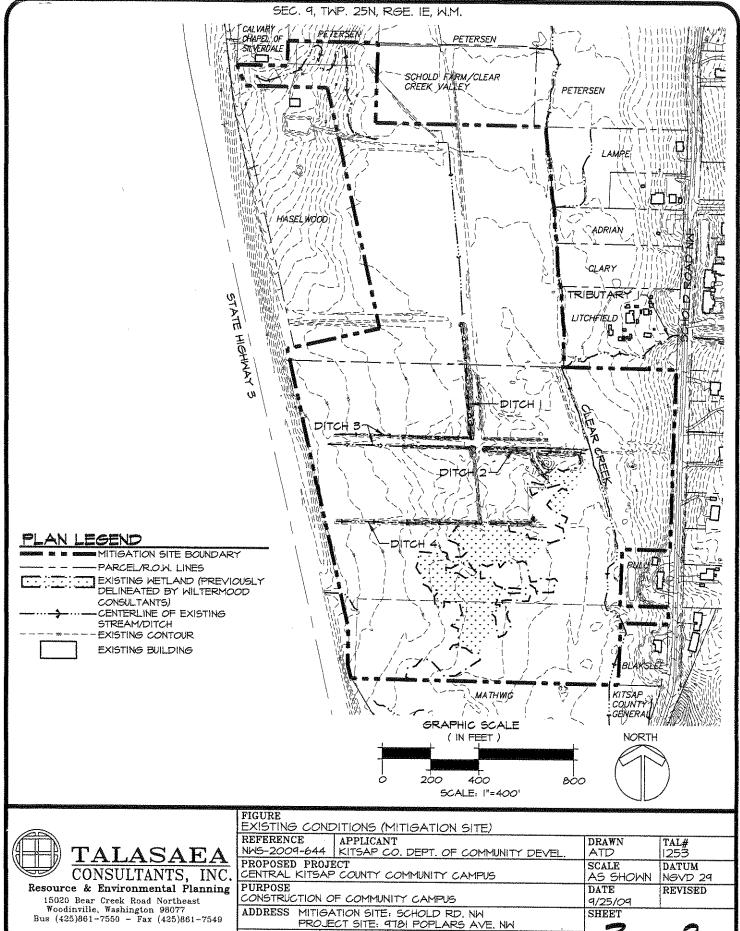
Ecology Comments: Any person desiring to present views on the project pertaining to a request for water quality certification under Section 401 of the CWA and/or Coastal Zone Management consistency concurrence, may do so by submitting written comments to the following address: Department of Ecology, Attn: SEA program – Federal Permit Coordinator, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, Washington, 98504-7600, or e-mail to ecvrefedpermits@ecv.wa.gov

To ensure proper consideration of all comments, responders must include the following name and reference number in the text of their comments: Kitsap County Department of Community Development, NWS-2009-644

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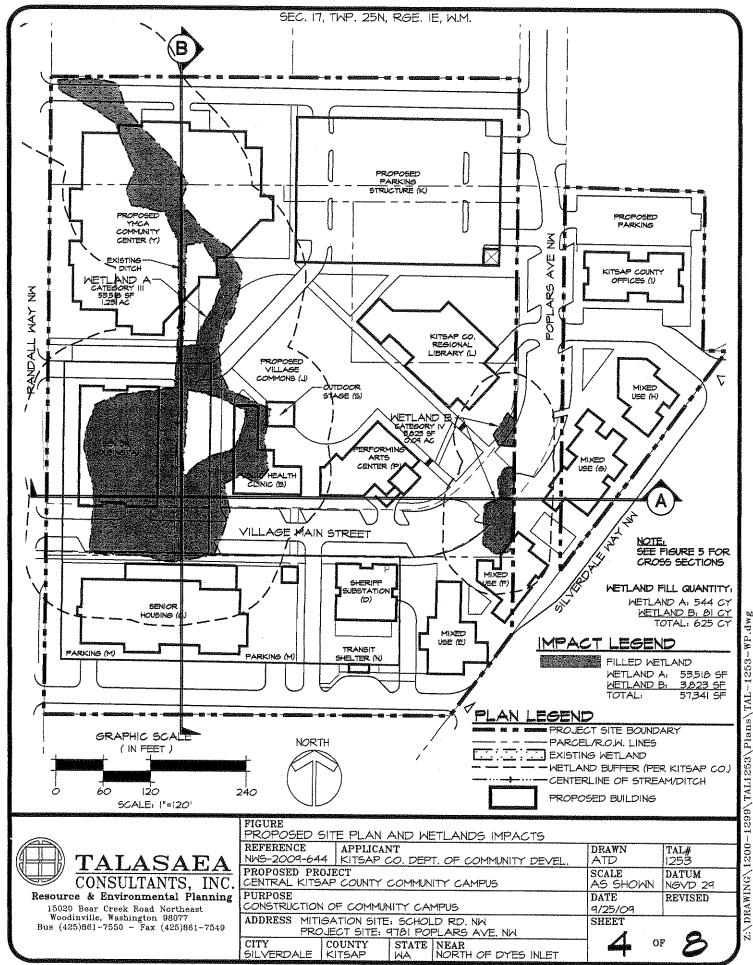


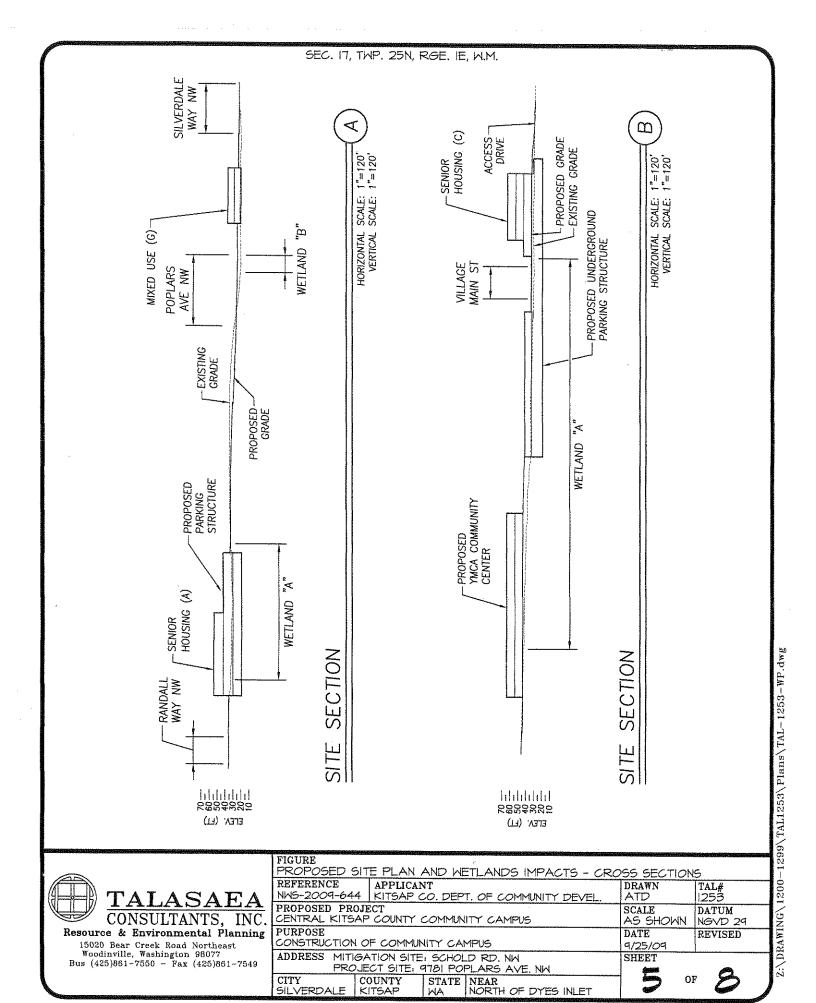


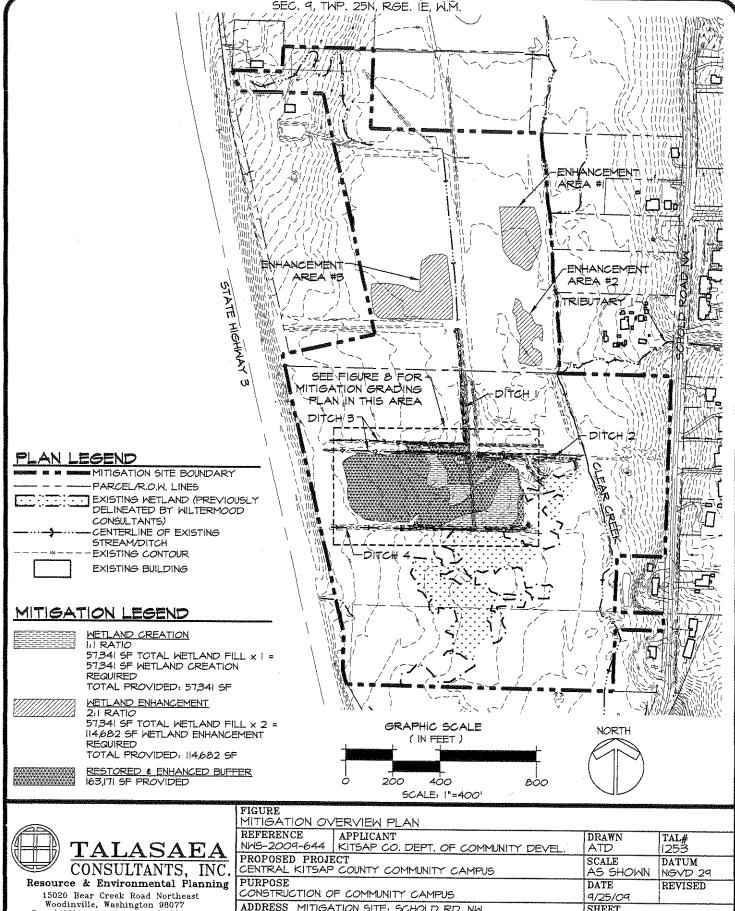


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PROJECT SITE: 9781 POPLARS AVE. NW

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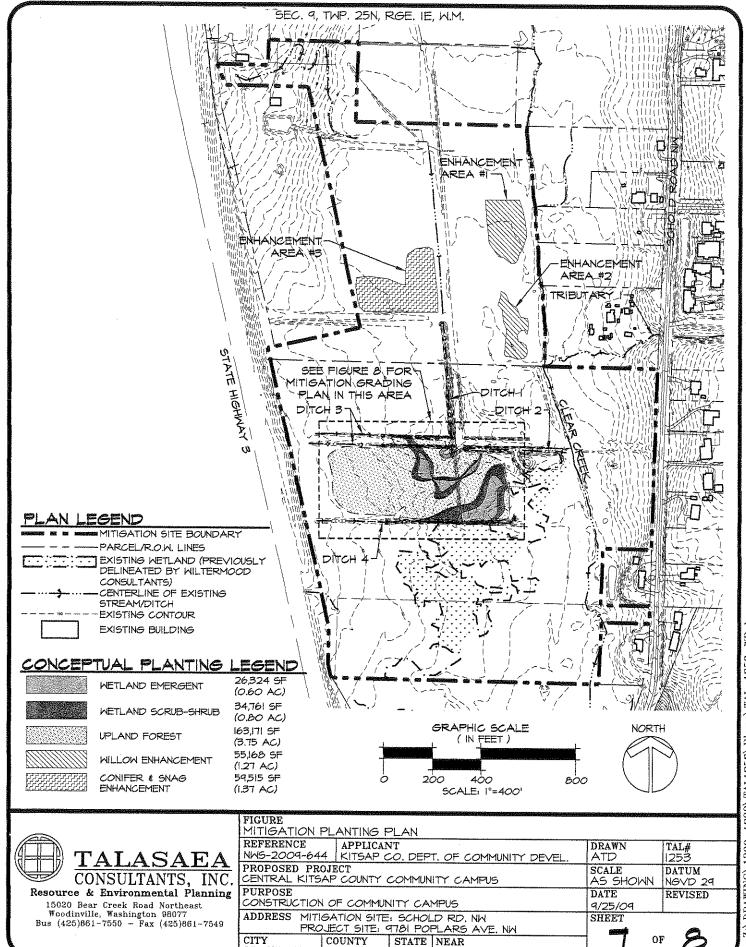
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CONSTRUCTION OF COMMUNITY CAMPUS ADDRESS MITIGATION SITE: SCHOLD RD. NW

PROJECT SITE: 9781 POPLARS AVE. NW STATE NEAR NORTH OF DYES INLET COUNTY SILVERDALE KITSAP

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